

segments from within said video program by applying said content preference to said data; and

random accessing and buffering means for playing, without requiring an alternate source of video, the selected segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, said video program, said playing comprising seamlessly skipping over a non-selected parallel segment included within said video program.

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44. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein said receiving is from a transmission selected from the group consisting of a digital transmission, a cable transmission, a satellite transmission, and a phone communication; and wherein said storing is to a storage selected from the group consisting of an optical disc, a magnetic disk, a memory chip, and a memory module.

45. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, further comprising communicating means for communicating a video program preference to a remote video program provider; wherein said receiving comprises a downloading of said video program, said user interface, and said data, from said remote video program provider; and wherein said storing is to an optical disc.

Sub 827 46. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of detail; and wherein a descriptor, responsive to a level of detail, is assigned to each of the parallel segments.

47. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of sex; and wherein said content preference is responsive to an MPAA rating.

48. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of explicitness in a of a plurality of video content categories; and wherein said content

preference is responsive to a level of explicitness with respect to each of said plurality of video content categories.

49. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of explicitness in a of a plurality of video content categories; wherein said content preference is responsive to a level of explicitness with respect to each of said plurality of video content categories; and wherein said content preference, specific to said user and as it relates to said video program, is internally saved.

50. (Newly added) An apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving (1) a video program including within a first set of parallel segments that provide for at least two versions of a scene, of said video program, with different levels of explicitness in a video content category relating to violence, and including within a second set of parallel segments that provide for at least two versions of another scene, of said video program, with different levels of explicitness in a video content category relating to sex, each parallel segment comprising a sequence of video frames, (2) a user interface, particular to said video program, for a user of said video program to establish a content preference, and (3) data, not created by said user of said video program, directly defining a plurality of segments within said video program;

storage means for storing said video program, said user interface, and said data;

processing means for enabling said user of said video program to establish a content preference by utilizing said user interface, and for selecting, for said user, segments from within said video program by applying said content preference to said data; and

random accessing and buffering means for playing, without requiring an alternate source of video, the selected segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, said video program, said playing comprising seamlessly skipping over a non-selected parallel segment included within said video program.

51. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said receiving is from a transmission selected from the group consisting of a digital transmission, a cable transmission, a satellite transmission, and a phone communication; and wherein said storing is to a storage selected from the group consisting of an optical disc, a magnetic disk, a memory chip, and a memory module.

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52. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 50, further comprising communicating means for communicating a video program preference to a remote video program provider; wherein said receiving comprises a downloading of said video program, said user interface, and said data, from said remote video program provider; and wherein said storing is to an optical disc.

Sub B3/ 53. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said content preference is responsive to an MPAA rating.

54. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said content preference is responsive to a level of explicitness with respect to said video content category relating to violence and with respect to said video content category relating to sex.

55. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said content preference is responsive to a level of explicitness with respect to said video content category relating to violence, a level of explicitness with respect to said video content category relating to sex, and a level of detail; and wherein said content preference, specific to said user and as it relates to said video program, is internally saved.

Sub B4/ 56. (Newly added) A method comprising the steps of:
receiving (1) a video program including within a set of parallel segments that provide for at least two versions of a scene of said video program, each parallel segment comprising a sequence of video frames, (2) a user interface, particular to said video program, for a user of said video program to establish a content preference, and (3) data,

not created by said user of said video program, directly defining a plurality of segments within said video program;

storing said video program, said user interface, and said data;

enabling said user of said video program to establish a content preference by utilizing said user interface;

selecting, for said user, segments from within said video program by applying said content preference to said data; and

playing, by means of a random accessing and a buffering, and without requiring an alternate source of video, the selected segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, said video program, said playing comprising seamlessly skipping over a non-selected parallel segment included within said video program.

57. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, wherein said receiving is from a transmission selected from the group consisting of a digital transmission, a cable transmission, a satellite transmission, and a phone communication; and wherein said storing is to a storage selected from the group consisting of an optical disc, a magnetic disk, a memory chip, and a memory module.

58. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, wherein said receiving is from a remote video program provider; and wherein said storing is to an optical disc.

59. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, further comprising communicating a video program preference to a remote video program provider; wherein said receiving comprises a downloading of said video program, said user interface, and said data, from said remote video program provider; and wherein said storing is to an optical disc

60. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of detail; and wherein a descriptor, responsive to a level of detail, is assigned to each of the parallel segments.

61. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of sex; and wherein said content preference is responsive to an MPAA rating.

a 62. (Newly added) The method of claim 56, wherein said set of parallel segments provide for at least two versions of said scene with different levels of violence; wherein another set of parallel segments, included within said video program, provide for at least two versions of another scene, of said video program, with different levels of sex; and wherein said content preference is responsive to a level of explicitness with respect to a video content category relating to violence and with respect to a video content category relating to sex.--

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Remarks.

The present application is a division of patent application 07/832,335 filed 02/07/92, which is the parent of U.S. patents 5,696,869, 5,717,814, 5,724,472, 6,002,833, and 6,011,895, and of U.S. patent application 09/383,159.

The subject matter of the present application is also related to U.S. patent 5,434,678, filed 01/1/93, which is a parent of U.S. patents 5,589,945, 5,634,849, 5,664,046, 5,913,013, and 5,987,211.

For expediency, and without disclaimer or prejudice to the underlying subject matters, a terminal disclaimer over U.S. patent 5,434,678 is filed herewith.

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